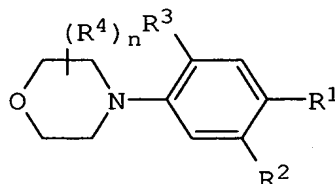


IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-37. (Cancelled).

38. (Currently amended) A compound having a formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

n is an integer 0 through 2;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $N(R^h)_2$, OR^h , carboxy, nitro, cyano, CHO, carboxamide, thiocarboxamide, $R^aC(=O)$, trifluoromethyl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl;

~~R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, carbamoyl, carboxamide, $N(R^h)_2$, carboxy, OR^h , sulfamyl, nitro, $OP(=O)(OR^h)_2$, and sulfonamide OH ;~~ or

R^1 and R^2 are taken together with the carbon atoms to which each is attached to form a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered unsaturated or partially saturated ring, wherein 1, 2, or 3 carbon atoms of R^1 and R^2 optionally are a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, and P, said ring optionally substituted with one or more $=O$, $=S$, $=NH$, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl, said nitrogen or phosphorus heteroatom optionally substituted with a group consisting of aryl, substituted

aryl, alkyl, alkyl substituted with $R^aC(=O)$, and $R^aC(=O)$;

R^3 , independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulfonamido, sulfamyl, sulfonyl chloride, and sulfo;

wherein R^a is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, and substituted heterocycloalkyl;

wherein R^h , independently, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl; and

R^4 , independently, is selected from the group consisting of OR^h , alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, and substituted aryl;

and wherein cycloalkyl is a nonaromatic cyclic hydrocarbon group having three to six carbon atoms;

heterocycloalkyl is a monocyclic, bicyclic, or tricyclic nonaromatic partially unsaturated or saturated ring system having 3 to 10 members and having one to four heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur;

heteroaryl is a cyclic aromatic ring system having five- to ten-ring atoms, wherein one- to four-ring atoms independently are selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur, and the remaining ring atoms are carbon;

substituted alkyl is an alkyl group having a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substi-

tuted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, $N(R^h)_2$, OR^h , SR^h , sulfoxide, sulfonyl, halo, $R^aC(=O)$, carboxy, hydrazino, hydrazono, and hydroxy-amino;

substituted aryl is an aryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl;

substituted heteroaryl is a heteroaryl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl; and

substituted heterocycloalkyl is a heterocycloalkyl group having one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, OR^h , $N(R^h)_2$, CN, alkyl, substituted alkyl, mercapto, nitro, CHO, carboxy, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}N(R^h)_2$, $O(CH_2)_{1-3}CO_2H$, and trifluoromethyl;

~~with the proviso that when R^2 and R^4 are hydrogen, and R^3 is H, then R^1 is different from $-(CO)-CH_3$, and nitro.~~

39. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 38 wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of $-H$, $-OH$, $-NH_2$, $-CH_2OH$, $-C\equiv N$, $-(CO)-N(R^h)_2$, $-(CO)-OH$, $-(CO)-O-CH_3$, $-(CO)-CF_3$, $-(CO)H$, $-NO_2$, $-(CO)-alkyl$, $-(CO)-substituted\ alkyl$, $-(CO)-aryl$, $-(CO)-substituted\ aryl$, $-(CO)-heteroaryl$, and $-(CO)-CH_2-N(R^h)_2$.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously amended) A compound having a formula

